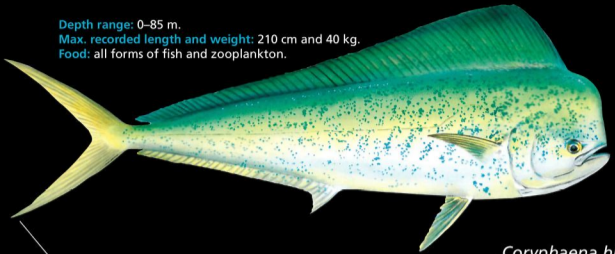


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Tuna and other pelagic fish species of the Cook Islands



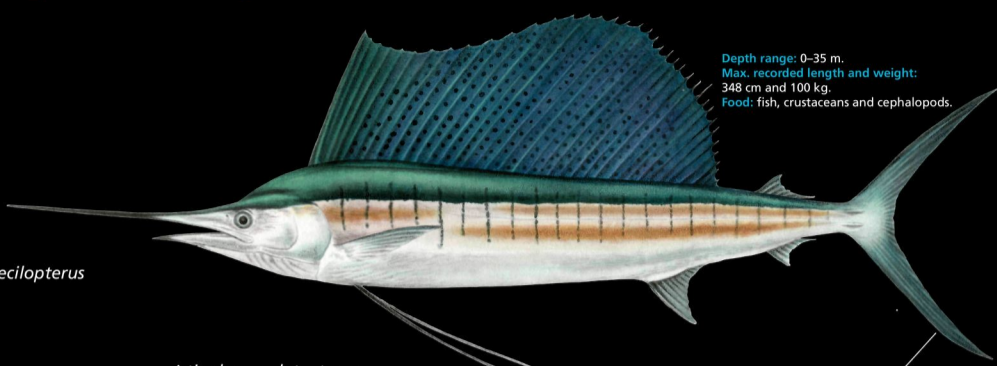
Depth range: 0-85 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 210 cm and 40 kg.
Food: all forms of fish and zooplankton.

Ma'ima'i • Common dolphinfish
Coryphaena hippurus



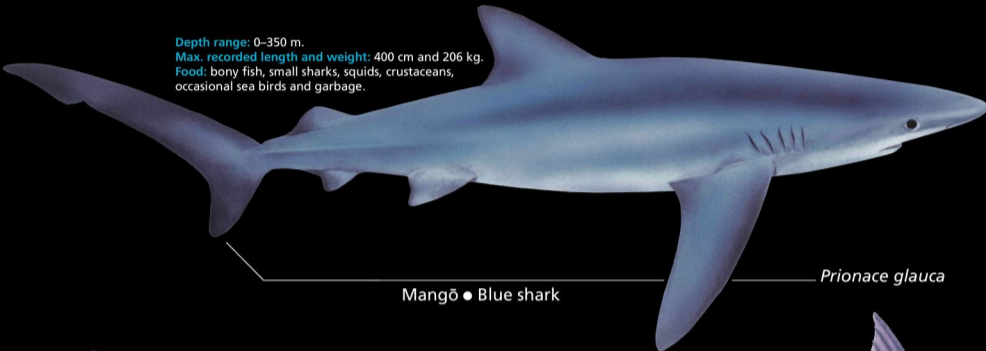
Depth range: 0-20 m (often close to shore).
Max. recorded length: 27 cm.
Food: zooplankton.

Cypselurus poecilopterus
Māroro • Yellowling flyingfish



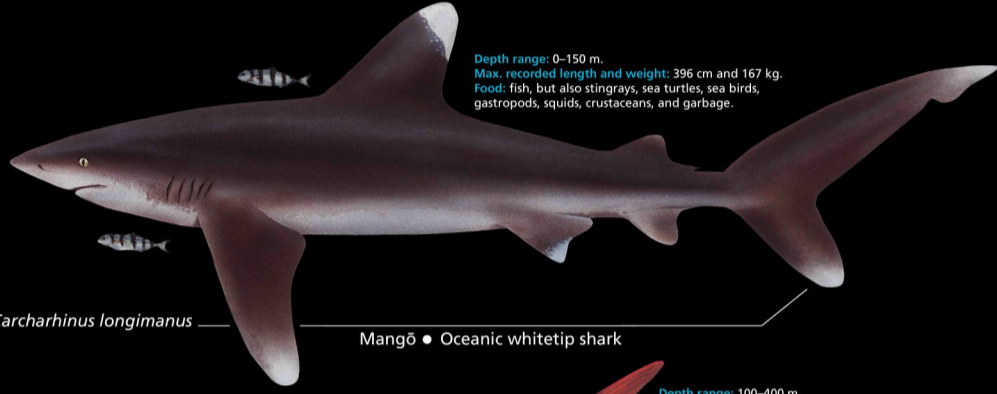
Depth range: 0-35 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 348 cm and 100 kg.
Food: fish, crustaceans and cephalopods.

Istiophorus platypterus
Akurā tamaru • Indo-Pacific sailfish



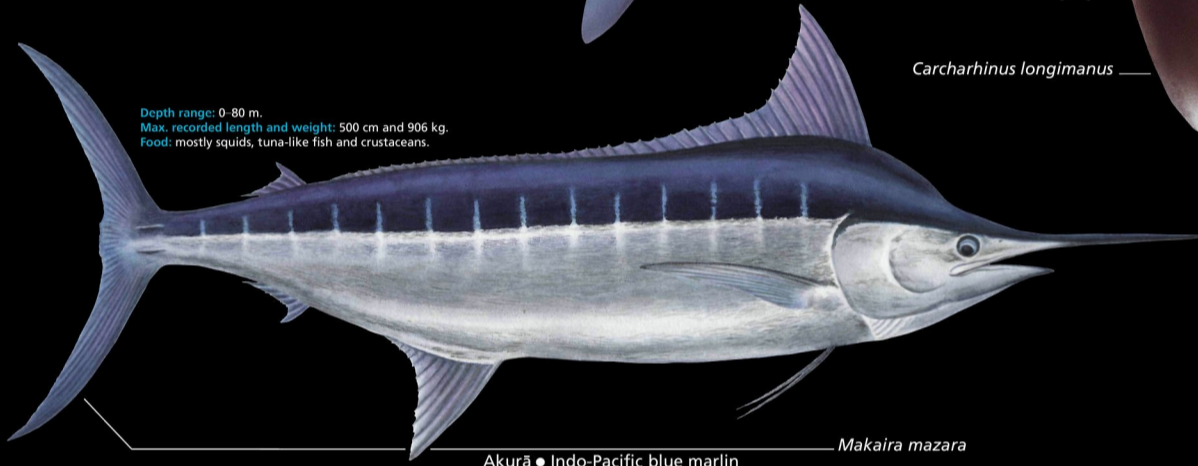
Depth range: 0-350 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 400 cm and 206 kg.
Food: bony fish, small sharks, squids, crustaceans, occasional sea birds and garbage.

Mangō • Blue shark
Prionace glauca



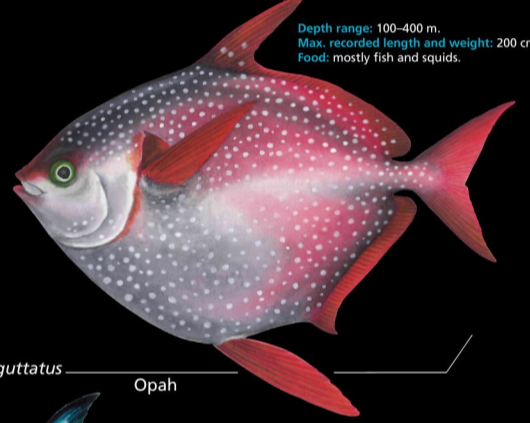
Depth range: 0-150 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 396 cm and 167 kg.
Food: fish, but also stingrays, sea turtles, sea birds, gastropods, squids, crustaceans, and garbage.

Carcharhinus longimanus
Mangō • Oceanic whitetip shark



Depth range: 0-80 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 500 cm and 906 kg.
Food: mostly squids, tuna-like fish and crustaceans.

Akurā • Indo-Pacific blue marlin
Makaira mazara



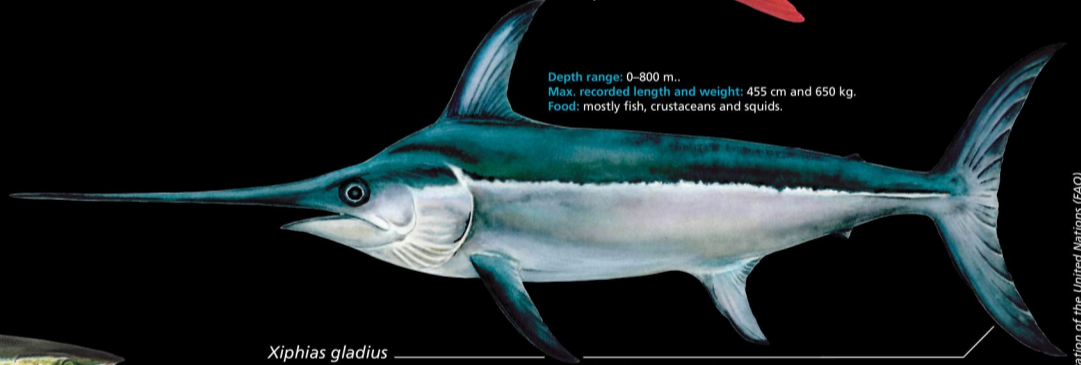
Depth range: 100-400 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 200 cm and 270 kg.
Food: mostly fish and squids.

Lampris guttatus
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Depth range: 0-250 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 250 cm and 83 kg.
Food: mostly fish and squids.

Pāra • Wahoo
Acanthocybium solandri



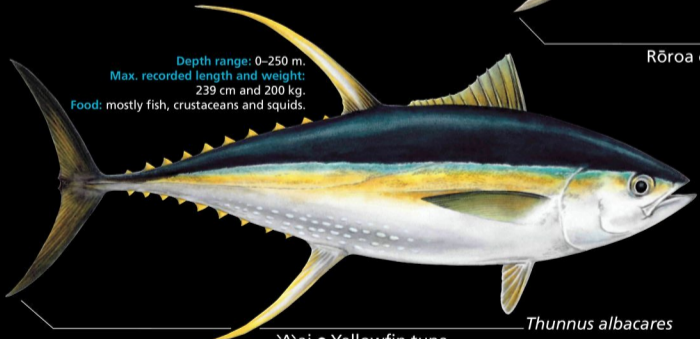
Depth range: 0-800 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 455 cm and 650 kg.
Food: mostly fish, crustaceans and squids.

Xiphias gladius
Akurā • Swordfish



Depth range: 0-150 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 180 cm and 46 kg.
Food: small fish and invertebrates.

Rōroa • Rainbow runner
Elagatis bipinnulata



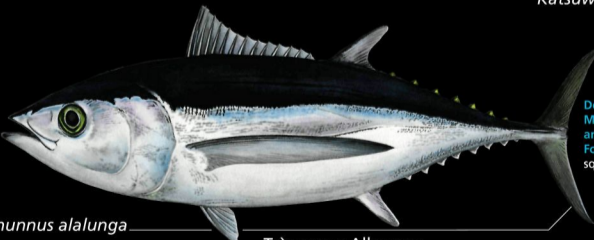
Depth range: 0-250 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 239 cm and 200 kg.
Food: mostly fish, crustaceans and squids.

'A'ai • Yellowfin tuna
Thunnus albacares



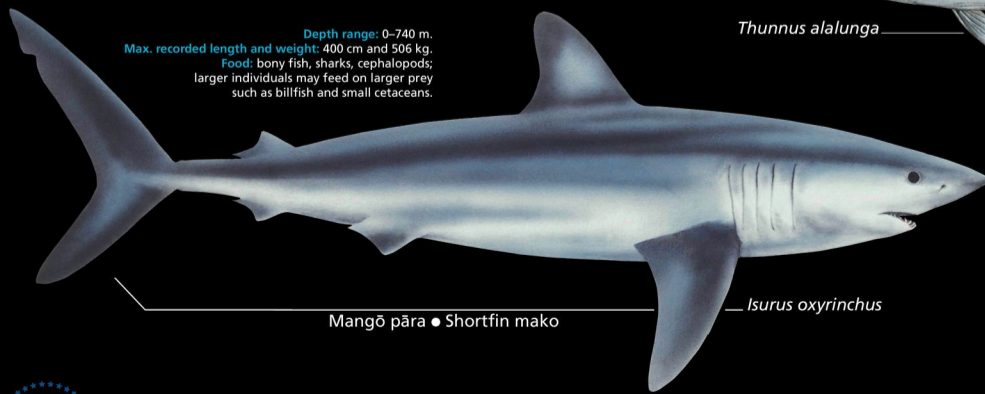
Depth range: 0-260 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 108 cm and 35 kg.
Food: fish, crustaceans, cephalopods and molluscs.

Katsuwonus pelamis
'Au'opu • Skipjack tuna



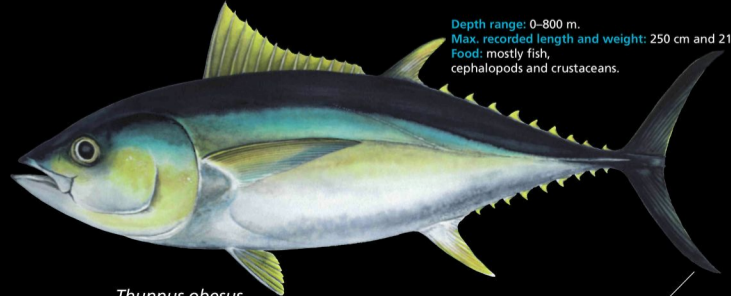
Depth range: 0-600 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 130 cm and 45 kg.
Food: mostly fish, squids and crustaceans.

Thunnus alalunga
To'evera • Albacore



Depth range: 0-740 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 400 cm and 506 kg.
Food: bony fish, sharks, cephalopods; larger individuals may feed on larger prey such as billfish and small cetaceans.

Mangō pāra • Shortfin mako
Isurus oxyrinchus



Depth range: 0-800 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 250 cm and 210 kg.
Food: mostly fish, cephalopods and crustaceans.

Thunnus obesus
'A'ai • Bigeye tuna



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